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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re National Phase PCT Application of

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For: A Buoyancy Device And A Method For  
Stabilizing And Controlling The Lowering Or  
Raising Of A Structure Between The Surface And  
The Bed Of The Sea

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination of the above-identified application please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Delete the Abstract** on pages 14 and 15 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.